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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Jianwei LIU, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4303
Serial No.: 10/086,848 : Group Art Unit: 1775
Filed: March 04, 2002 : Examiner: not yet assigned
For: METHOD OF FORMING LUBRICANT FILMS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2004 imposing a restriction on the claimed subject matter pursuant to 35 USC 121. In particular, the Office Action requires the restriction of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I – claims 1-19, drawn to a process; and

Group II – claim 20, drawn to an article.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-19, drawn to a process with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that the search for the subject matter of claims 1-19 will likely uncover relevant art for the subject matter of Group II, claim 20. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the imposition of this restriction and examine all of the claims in the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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